from West European countries in terms of economy in running costs which is 50 per cent of the sets from Rupee A/C East European countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) In the light of the foreign exchange constraints, Government have, as a matter of general policy decided to allow imports of D.G. Sets for an Rupee Payment Area, subject to specifications and commercial consideration, on the basis of certification of essentiality and indigenous clearance.

Convention of unions of public sector undertakings

2658. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a convention of the unions of the Public Sector Undertakings held in Delhi on October 21 and 22, 1986;

(b) if so, what were the decisions taken at the convention; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) to (c) Information is not readily available. It is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indo-Japanese collaboration for high technology

2659. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD : SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether he visited Japan for six days during August this year to explore possibilities of stepping up Indo-Japanese collaboration including that in the areas of high technology; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome of his visit in terms of collaborations struck and likely to be struck between the two countries in public sector, private sector and joint sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) *Hon'ble Shri N. D.* Tiwari, the then Union Minister of Industry, visited Japan for a period of six days in the month of August, 1986.

Among various matters, the visit was aimed at apprising the Japanese about the efforts of Government of India to simplify the procedures and improved infrastructural facilities and for exploring potentials for industrial cooperation including in high-tech areas between the two countries.

Industrial cooperation between any two countries is a continuous process and, therefore, it is difficult to quantify the results of a singular visit or effort in this direction.